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SUBJECT: W/W SANDRA FRONCZAK

1. WILLIAM LAWBAUGH OF IRON WORKERS UNION HAS SENT LETTER TO JACK ANDERSON'S OFFICE RAISING GENERAL ISSUE OF AMERICANS ALLEGEDLY MISSING IN MEXICO, INDICATING THAT FRONCZAK CASE IS TYPICAL OF MUCH LARGER PROBLEM, AND SUPPLYING 14 NAMES

PURPORTING TO BE ONE WEEK'S LISTING OF MISSING. LAWBAUGH SENT DEPARTMENT COPY OF THIS LETTER (BEING POUCHED FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION) WITH PERSONAL NOTE STATING HE UNDERSTOOD LISTED INDIVIDUAL'S PHONE NUMBERS WOULD BE PROVIDED MR. BILL WILSON, FRONCZAK'S CURRENT LAWYER. (MR. WILSON HAD IN FACT BEEN INFORMED EARLIER SUCH INFORMATION WOULD FALL UNDER PRIVACY ACT RESTRICTIONS.) WE ASSUME PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR PHONE NUMBERS IS ATTEMPT TO ENLIST BROADER BASE OF SUPPORT FOR ACTION ON FRONCZAK AND SIMILAR CASES.

2. IN ADDITION, LAWBAUGH REQUESTS COPY OF CONFESSION BY ACCUSED IN FRONCZAK CASE, AND ASKS HOW MANY AMERICANS PER WEEK ARE REPORTED MISSING IN MEXICO.

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3. DEPARTMENT IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT JUDICIAL DOCUMENTS
SUCH AS CONFESSION ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO PRINCIPALS IN
CASE AND THEIR LAWYERS. IS IT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN COPY
OF CONFESSION FOR LAWBAUGH? FURTHER, CAN EMBASSY
SUPPLY BALL PARK ESTIMATE OF MISSING AMERICANS REPORTED
WEEKLY, AT LEAST TO EMBASSY? KISSINGER

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